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SUBJ: OPIC FOREIGN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL PROCEDURES

REF: STATE 247917

1. BASED ON REQUEST REFTEL, DCM CALLED ON PERM SEC MINISTRY FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT HERMANS WHO HAS RESEARCHED GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA ARCHIVES FOR PROCEDURES FOR GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA APPROVAL FOR OPIC ASSISTANCE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HERMANS'S VIEWS: THE USG-GOB INVESTMENT GUARANTEE AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 12, 1968 CALLS FOR JOINT CONSULTATIONS. THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 18, 1971 (WHICH IS THE PRECEDENT) WAS A JOINTLY SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION AFFIRMING GOB SATISFACTION WITH THE AGREEMENT. THE MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION HAD TWO OPERATIVE ELEMENTS:

(1) IT REFERRED TO THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PROJECT TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF BOTSWANA, AND

(2) IT APPROVED THE PROJECT FOR AN INVESTMENT GUARANTEE. THE MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WAS SIGNED BY MR. HERMANS AS PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL MOKAMA.

3. BASED ON THE FOREGOING PRECEDENT, MR. HERMANS ADVISES THAT THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN PARA 3 REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS: BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR OPIC COVERAGE SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN A MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALS FROM THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF

BOTSWANA (E.G. MIN AG FOR A CATTLE RANCHING) AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SIGNED BY THOSE OFFICIALS AND REFERRING TO THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PROJECT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF BOTSWANA AND APPROVING THE PROJECT FOR AN INVESTMENT GUARANTEE.

4. THE FOREGOING IS NOT AS PRECISE AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL BUT IT APPEARS TO BE WORKABLE. PERM SEC MIN FIN WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE LOGICAL POINT OF CONTACT FOR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS OF PROJECTED GUARANTEES. ADDRESS IS PRIVATE BAG 8, GABORONE, BOTSWANA.  
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